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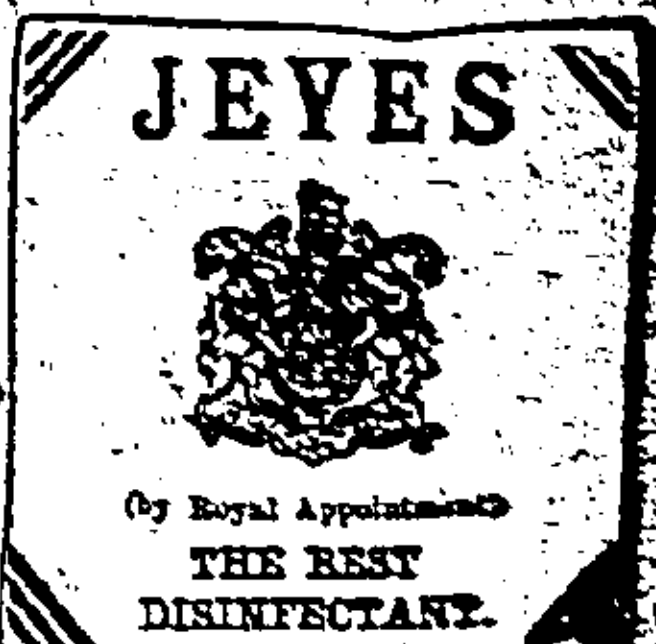
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BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

INDISPENSABLE TO ONE ANOTHER.

NORTHCLIFFE'S VIEWS.

PARIS, November 15.

A *Havas* message states that the papers are devoting much attention to an interview with Lord Northcliffe which appeared in the *Journal des Debats*. Lord Northcliffe stated that the French and British peoples often experience considerable difficulty in understanding one another's ways. Their frames of mind are different, yet Britain and France are indispensable to one another. Lord Northcliffe admitted that France was paying rather too much for British coal and disapproved the policy of placing her in this respect on the same footing as certain neutral countries whose attitude was rather ambiguous during the war. Regarding reparations by Germany, Lord Northcliffe stated that great troubles may be expected should France not maintain stoutly her viewpoint. Germany can pay and shall pay. Besides, the British people have so decided. Lord Northcliffe expressed the hope that the next conference France will show unshakable firmness in standing by her British friends who cannot forget her five years of intense sufferings. While her best industrial and agricultural districts will take years of reconstructing, the fact remains that Germany stands quite untouched.

LORD MILNER'S APPEAL.

HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GIVES £500.

LONDON, November 16.

In connection with Lord Milner's appeal the P. & O. Company has given £5,000; the Government of the Straits Settlements, the Government of the Federated Malay States, and the East Asiatic Co., each £2,000; the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the Chartered Bank each £1,050; the London Rubber Trade Association, and Messrs. Harrison and Crossfield each £1,000; the Government of Hongkong and the Government of Fiji each £500.

GREEK ELECTION.

VENIZELIST HOPES DISAPPOINTED.

PARIS, November 16.

A *Havas* message from Athens states that the Greek election has disappointed Venizelists' hopes. M. Venizelos will resign from the Government.

MORRISON HILL ROBBERY.

ASSAULT ON MRS. FLEGG.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR CULPRIT.

At the Criminal Session this morning before the Puisse Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, Fung Ng was charged with an assault, with intent to rob, on Mrs. Florence Flegg, of 53 Kennedy Road, on Morrison Hill Road about 9.30 a.m. on Oct. 30. He was accused of attempting to snatch her handbag, and at the same time wounding her in the shoulder with a knife.

Mr. P. Jacks, Acting Crown Solicitor, recited the circumstances of the case. On the morning in question Mrs. Flegg, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Thornhill, of 29A Kennedy Road, was walking down Morrison Hill Road towards Happy Valley. When near the Sikh Temple, a Chinese grabbed at Mrs. Flegg's handbag and at the same time cut her in the left shoulder. They turned after him and saw him snatching a knife. Mrs. Flegg hurried after him, notwithstanding her wound, but he outdistanced her. She then went into the Naval Hospital and had her injury dressed. It proved to be slight. On the following Wednesday, the two ladies, with others, were walking on the same road and saw a man they recognized as the one who had made the attack. Again Mrs. Flegg hurried after him, but he escaped. A third time, on Friday, Nov. 5, the two ladies were in about the same place, and again saw the man. Mrs. Flegg asked a constable to arrest him but the constable said it was not on his patrol and he could not do it. He, however, agreed to hold the man, and Mrs. Flegg asked two Marines to take him to the station. They complied. At the station the defendant said he had not made the attack; that on the day it occurred he was working in a shop from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mrs. Flegg testified. She said that her assailant did not get the bag, as she had the strap around her wrist. She identified the defendant. She was positive, she said, he was the man, as she recognized him by his appearance and the way he held his head.

The Court advised the jury that the question to be decided was whether the right man had been caught, in view of the fact that the arrest was

WARSHIP'S CUTLERY.

COOLIE'S THEFT.

"FORGETFULNESS" THAT COST JAIL.

A coolie employed at the Taikoo Dockyard, was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with the theft from the U.S.S. "Wilmington," of two knives, one fork and one spoon stamped "U.S.N."

The defendant informed the Magistrate that he did not intend to steal the things. He was at work in the Officers' Mess Room, when he found the cutlery under the table, picked it up and placed it in his girdle as a precaution against it being lost. When he knocked off work, however, he forgot to return the cutlery. When he was searched at the gate, the cutlery was found in his girdle.

The Magistrate passed sentence of one month's hard labour.

not made for some days after the incident.

Mrs. Thornhill gave her testimony, substantiating that of Mrs. Flegg. She also said she was sure of identification.

The defendant said he had been arrested by mistake; he had not attempted to snatch the bag. "They gave false evidence against me," he said. Once, when seen, he had put up his coat before his face. The ladies had taken it that he was hiding his face; he said this was not true. This was all he had to say. "Even if Europeans were to come and shoot me with rifles I would have nothing more to say," he said.

Several acquaintances of the defendant gave testimony that they had never known him to be accused before of an attempt to snatch valuables. The manager of the establishment in which defendant had said he had been employed as a substitute testified he had never seen him in his life.

The Court told the jury that the charge was serious and would mean a heavy punishment if he was found guilty. The ladies, he said, were not able to give details on which they based their identification, but could say only that they recognized him by his manner and actions.

The jury retired, remaining out about ten minutes. The verdict was "Guilty." The sentence was seven years with hard labour.

THE DOLLAR.

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A SOLDIER'S PROTEST.

GEN. GOUGH ON FOMENTING
INDISCIPLINE.

General Sir Hubert Gough has addressed to the *Manchester Guardian*, under date September 24, a letter in which he indicates the Government for its responsibility for reprisals in Ireland. He writes—

I do not think any truthful or sane person can avoid the conclusion that the authorities in Ireland are deliberately encouraging, and what is more, actually screening, reprisals and "counter-murder" by the armed forces of the Crown. I use the term "armed forces of the Crown" because the police and the army are being organised as one body and are being recruited with a special view to reprisals, and to ruthless undisciplined war on the Irish. A most sinister feature of the present policy is that indiscipline is actually connived at. This can only have one result—namely, to create a most dangerous demoralised armed force which will be a terror not only to the people of the country but eventually to its Government. Even during the days of the most bitter feelings in the several wars which my duty has called me to take part in—namely, the Tirah Expedition, the 24 years of the South African War, and the four years of the war in France—discipline was always strictly maintained. No executions or destruction of property took place, except as a consequence of a sentence of court martial or by orders of a senior officer, without being firmly repressed and severely punished. But it is evident that in Ireland at this moment murder and destruction are condoned and winked at, if not actively encouraged. The murders of policemen and others by the "Irish Republicans" have been inexcusable. As you say, the leaders of Sinn Fein and the Irish priesthood are very greatly to be condemned for not having taken a far more active part against such methods; but that is no excuse for any Government, but especially a Government of the great British Empire, adopting similar methods. I have some evidence which I am not at liberty to quote which makes me strongly suspect that actual murder is organised as a method of Irish government; but anyhow, the reports of shootings and destruction by the armed forces of the Crown and the lack of any reports of punishment for these acts would be almost sufficient evidence to convince the most sceptical of the real system organised and tolerated in Ireland under the aegis of Mr. Lloyd George and the present majority in the House of Commons.

If such is the case, one may be excused for asking what has become of the sense of justice and political wisdom of the people of Great Britain when such a Government in Ireland is tolerated for a moment. Surely no other term than disgraceful can be used towards such a state of things. I confess to feeling horrified and aghast that the present regime in Dublin, and in fact in London also, is allowed to continue. Unfortunately for the Empire, the Government is, as you point out, in the hands of men who have led the way in anarchy. "Constitutional government," for which Mr. Lloyd George pleads at Ilford, has been undermined by his own supporters whenever it suited them on previous occasions, and it is now being cast to the winds by the authorities in Dublin.

General Gough concludes that for the citizen who demands a remedy for these evils, the alternative seems to lie between voting Liberal or Labour.

Looking at the deplorable methods now being employed in Ireland, he adds, it seems that every man and woman with a vote who cares for honesty and efficiency in the government of this Empire, has only these two parties to choose from. With so many points of agreement in the direction of justice, progress, and economy, it is a veritable catastrophe for the country that these two parties cannot come together to turn out the present House of Commons. The Conservative party, as supporters of Mr. Lloyd George and his methods, stand condemned. They are not of those who can restore "peace, law, and orderly government" in Ireland or elsewhere in our widely flung—not to say over-extended, Empire.

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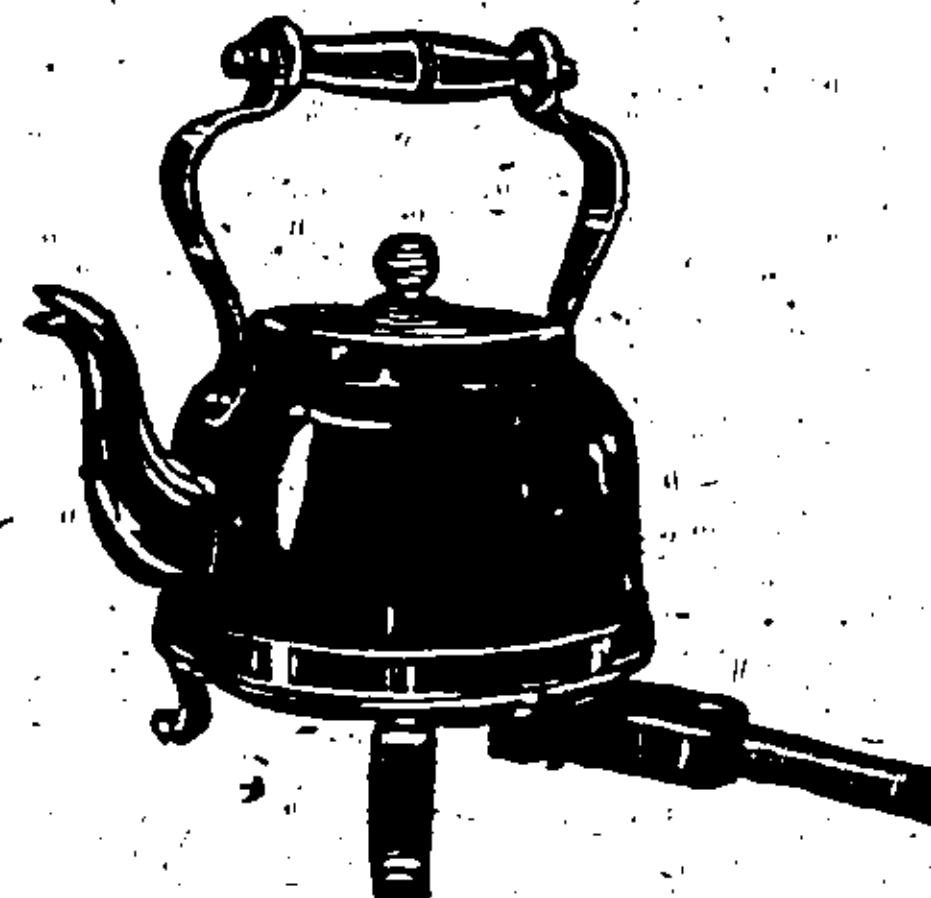
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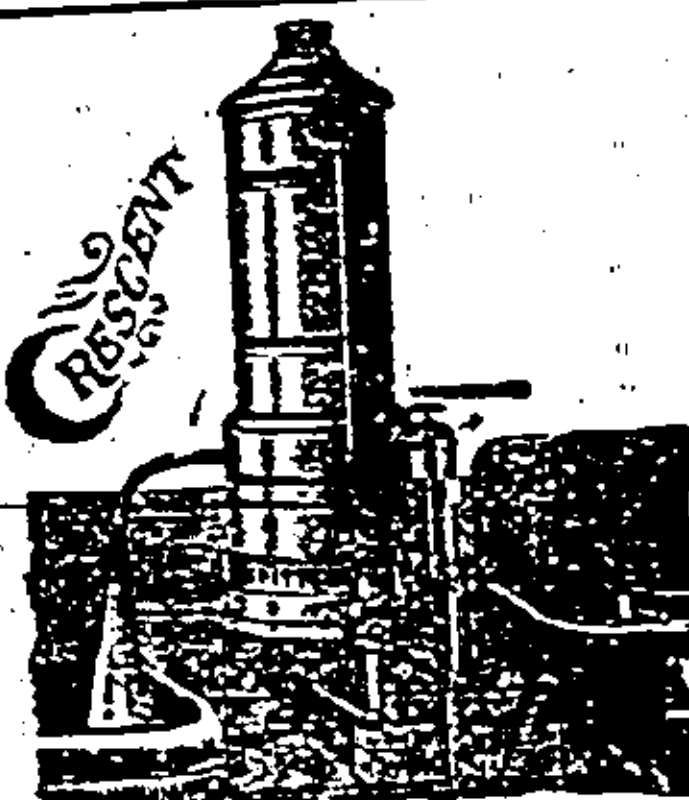
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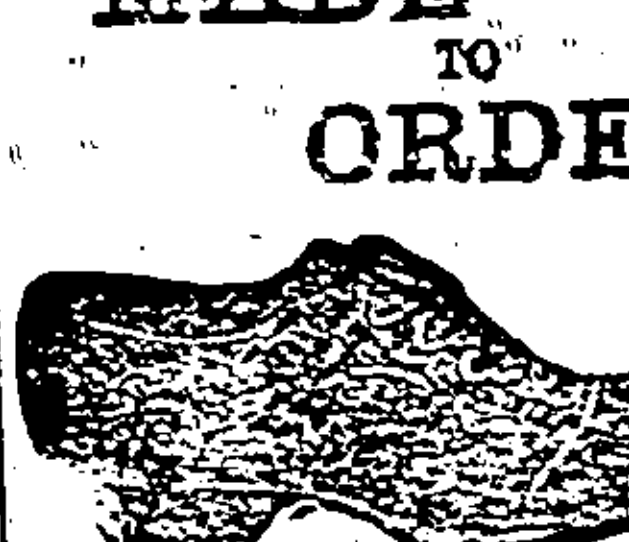
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curtailment of business during Sep-
tember, the threatened strike of the
miners and the position in the Cotton
Trade having caused a tendency to
postpone heavy commitments pend-
ing more settled conditions. The
price of Sulphate of Copper is un-
changed but more business has been
passing and there is a better enquiry
for export, especially for forward
shipment. Green Copper has been
moving steadily for both home and
export account. Acetates of Lime
are unchanged but Acetic Acid
is firmer. Acetate of Soda has
been in moderate request and Acetates
of Lead have been receiving more
attention at the lower prices ruling.
Nitrate of Lead, however, is dull.
Carbonate of Potash has been in only
slow demand and the price is a little
easier. Sulphate of Potash is offering
in only moderate quantities. The
heavy demand from abroad for
White Powdered Arsenic continues;
supplies are short and firmly held.
Yellow Prussiate of Potash has been
moving steadily and a good business
has also been done in Prussiate of
Soda chiefly for export; the demand
continues but manufacturers are not
disposed to sell far ahead at present.
Tartaric Acid has been in good
request for export, stocks have been
reduced and good business has been
done for next year's delivery. Cream
of Tartar has moved only slowly and
price is somewhat easier. There
has been some pressure to effect sales
in Citric Acid, and lower prices have
been accepted for quantities. The
demand for Bichromates of Potash
and Soda has fallen away somewhat.
Oxalic Acid has been well enquired
for, stocks of foreign have been
reduced and English makers are
holding firmly to their prices. Makers
of Borax and Boracic Acid are still
well supplied with orders. There is
a brisk enquiry for Phosphate of Soda
and supplies are short in spite of
some good arrivals from abroad.
The demand has fallen off somewhat
for Muriate of Ammonia and Lump
Salammoniac but prices are un-
changed. Caustic Soda is easier for
export. Bleaching Powder has been
in better demand. The prices of
Ammonia Alkali, Bicarbonate of
Soda and Soda Crystals have been
advanced for the home trade. With
one or two exceptions prices remain
unchanged, though little business
is being done. Benzoates and Toluenes
are readily absorbed by present
demands, prices remaining
very firm. There is a slightly
more activity in Solvent
Naphtha and prices if anything are
better. Cresosote is in good demand
with an upward tendency in price.
Pitch continues a firm market and
some good business has been done
over next season at current values.
Crude Carbolic Acid is depressed
with consequent lowering of price.
Paraffin of Crystalline Carbolic shipped
some time ago to the East are offering
for re-shipment to this market.
Liquid Carbolic is also in better sup-
ply. Sulphate of Ammonia remains
unchanged.Sundries.—American Pearl Starch
has only been moving slowly from
stock and the price is lower. Farina
has been steadily called for and is**SUPER SILKWORM.**

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STORY FROM NEW ORLEANS.

A super-silk worm is being pro-
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the tribe, but spins silk heads of any
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Orleans correspondent of the Central
News, is Dr. Vartan K. Osigian, a
naturalized American, the last of his
race, which for seven centuries has
been producing silk near Harpoon,
Armenia. The claim is made that
the discovery will make the South
the centre of the world's silk pro-
duction.Dr. Osigian's super-silk worm
doubles the output of the Italian,
French, Japanese, or Chinese insects.
This colour is absolutely fast, pro-
duced in the chemical laboratory of
Mother Nature herself, an achieve-
ment that threatens to destroy the
dye industry as applied to the manu-
facture of woven silk.The super-silk worm is reared
on new food obtained by the graft-
ing of a mulberry tree on to the
essence orange, and injecting into
the plant the sap of a vege-
table growth. This tree grows with
great rapidity, and is extremely
productive in leaves, the leaves them-
selves being many times the size of
the mulberry leaf and much more
succulent. When a leaf is pulled
from the tree a cluster of leaves
springs from the wound in a few days.
It was this plant that produced the
superworm, an insect worker that
weaves into its cocoon 1,800 yards
of silk, where the foreign worms
employ but from 400 to 1,000 yards.Dr. Osigian is growing these trees
and shipping them to silk raisers all
over the world.The tree he gives to the world,
but the secret of forcing the worm
to spin any colour is reserved for his
adopted country as a mark of grati-
tude.Foreign countries produce but one
crop of silkworms each year. In
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produce eight crops annually.The unwinding of the 1,800 yards
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The cocoons are placed in hot water,
then Dr. Osigian takes an ordinary
whisk brush, brushes it through
the water a few times and brings it
out, with a number of ends of strands
of the cocoon clinging to it.These strands he passes over tiny
wheels, attaches them to a square,
whirling frame, run by an electric
motor, and starts the motor.The cocoons bob about in the
water and unwind as easily as no-
dum or black silk.This is the raw silk of commerce
now ready to be shipped to the
weaver.It is expected that the discovery
will arrest the outward flow of
\$2,000,000 spent by America an-
nually on imported silk.high in price. A fair amount of
business has been passing in Dextrine.
Sulphate of Barytes has been in good
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mand and price has been advanced.**OIL BARGE BLOWN UP.**

MILLWALL EXPLOSION.

FURTHER DETAILS TO HAND.

Following are further details of the
oil barge disaster on the Thames last
month which was briefly reported by
Reuter.—An oil tank barge, the
Warwick, belonging to the Cunard
Company, blew up whilst at the quay
side adjoining Hodge and Sons' works
at Millwall, and seven, possibly
more, men were killed, four being
injured. A party of workers were
busily employed on and near the
barge, which was undergoing repair,
when the explosion took place with
such suddenness that only two per-
sons in the immediate vicinity ap-
pear to have escaped uninjured. In
some instances the unfortunate vic-
tims were literally blown to pieces,
and dismembered limbs were found
considerable distances from the spot.
Other victims were shot into the
river and drowned.Heavy pieces of ironwork were
flung high into the air; some cor-
rugated iron sheeting was hurled
right over the sailing ship "Gandara,"
which had left dock at the time and
was proceeding down the river many
hundreds of yards away. Eye-
witnesses declare they saw whole
human bodies mingled with mangled
limbs and masses of the fabric of the
barge hurtling through the air to-
gether.

HOUSES DAMAGED.

The crash of the explosion was
heard for miles around, and though
no injuries were done to their oc-
cupants, houses in Redriff and Odesa
streets—which are almost opposite
the spot where the craft was lying—
present appearances familiar after
air raids in East London. Elsewhere
considerable damage was done to
windows.The barge lay a torn and battered
wreck.We heard a terrible explosion,"
said an employee at neighbouring
works. "I was in the office. The
crash was like that of a huge bomb
going off." It shook our works.
There was a great shower of glass,
and pieces of machinery fell in the
yard, which is about one hundred
yards from the barge in which the
explosion occurred. The neighbour-
ing streets were strewn with frag-
ments of glass blown out of the fac-
tory. Hundreds of workers rushed
out of all the works round about,
and there was a good deal of con-
fusion until we learned what had
happened."An eye-witness, who himself had a
remarkable escape, said the barge
was quite empty and had been berth-
ed for only a short time when the
accident occurred. "It came without
the slightest warning," he said, "and
I owe my escape to the fact that I
ducked instinctively as if I were back
ducked over 150 feet and a huge
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, NOV. 18, 1920.

"WHAT A BEAST YOU ARE."

When we heard of German atrocities, some of us were reluctant to believe them because we did not believe that civilized men could be so beastly, and we knew that the Germans were highly civilized. When we heard of Bolshevik atrocities, we thought of "Scratch," a Russian and find a Tartar, and were less sceptical. When undeniable atrocities are committed by our own kind, such as Crippen's or "Jack the Ripper's," we assume that these men are abnormal, and entirely different from ourselves. We like to think that Lombroso's hypothesis of a "criminal type," set apart from the rest of men, is a scientific fact, although some of us now know that it is not and never was. It helps us to shut our eyes to the distressing and alarming fact that in any civilized man much of the brute beast still abides. Forgetting our experiences at the cinema of the drama, or in reading novels that include a typical "villain," we like to think that we are incapable of brutality. Such entertainments have accustomed us to rely on the usual nemesis, and have taught us to expect a punishment fitting the crime. Moved by the sufferings of the hero or heroine, we are impatient for the villain to get his deserts, and our notion of his deserts is as dramatic (and unlawful) as might be supposed from the nature of the happenings that have moved us to this passion of revenge. In short, we are sincerely, if vicariously, brutal in our desires. If we were all together as we are at such affairs, and together saw actual instead of fictitious offences like that, we should probably take to lynch law. We may think we are not like the American lynching mobs, because we have no negro problem, and no Wild West conditions, but we have indications that we are every bit as capable as they of explosions of mob passion. We recall incidents connected with "pro-boers," "con-schies," Chinese in east London, Chinese in Liverpool, and the "Suffragettes," to say nothing of the attacks on ladies who first rode bicycles, and wore bloomers. We must enlarge the Russian-Tartar adage, and say "Scratch

rights. The Englishman has, on the whole, prevented his policeman from becoming a bully. The common Englishman's distrust of English liberty. Lazy-minded people may like to comfort themselves with the presence that the English policeman is, as someone has called him, a moral miracle in blue. But every man of common sense knows that he is simply an ordinary human being like you and me, and that, if he were not strictly disciplined and responsible to public opinion, a certain proportion of men in the force would be bullies, blackmailers, and cultivators of a good many of the other favourite vices of the man with a free hand.

Now if we are to be civilized people, we must loyally serve the civilized ideal, which denounces all barbaric ways of violence. If you give it "lip service," but reserve a "free hand" to reject the "League of Nations" idea as impractical sentimentalism, where are you and what are you? If you assume your civilized superiority to barbarians, people, and yet vote for "reprisals" in kind when they do barbarous deeds, what becomes of your moral superiority? If you believe that any circumstances whatever can excuse a policy of "frightfulness," why should you object to such a policy when employed against yourselves? You cannot expect to have it both ways. Either you are *homo sapiens*, a reasoning, moral, civilized man, or you are merely anthropoid, harmless when unprovoked, but beastly savage when annoyed. A man who steals only on the first Thursday of every month is a thief; he has no right to boast that he is an honest man. A man who sins only when he is tempted is a sinner. The temptation is no excuse. Yet some of us plead "provocation" as not only an excuse but a justification of our outbreaks of primitive savagery. Please think of this next time you find yourself discussing either the League of Nations or the Irish Question. Let our clergy, please, dwell on the close correspondence between true civilization and the "grace of God," and tell us when our excesses of patriotic ardour amount to backslidings on the road to the Devil. Let all men of good will toward the progress of civilization, up hill from barbarism and savagery, help us to spread these simple and helpful thoughts. "Lest we forget," Kipling's famous phrase was one we are in no danger of forgetting. We need no mnemonic aids to be as beastly as we are all naturally inclined to be. No man forgets what it is his nature to remember. The things that are hard to remember are the educational and morally uplifting things, the lessons of the teachers of civilization, the ideas that promote us from beasthood to manhood, if we do but remember and apply them.

WITNESSES TO OUR IRISH DOINGS.

It is not as if you were listening to a prejudiced party politician or a notorious crank. There is a cloud of witnesses to our shame in Ireland. It is not only the *Manchester Guardian*, but the *Times*, and the *Observer* and papers of dissimilar political views, that are confessing our wrong-doing there. It is men that the most single-minded patriots must listen to. General Gough, for instance, has published a letter saying that no truthful or sane person can avoid the conclusion that the authorities are encouraging as well as screening "counter murders." He protests against the indiscipline, which is creating "a most dangerous demoralized armed force which will be a terror not only to the people of the country but eventually to its Government." He says: "I have some evidence which I am not at liberty to quote which makes me strongly suspect that actual murder is organized as a method of Irish government." He characterizes the present British policy in Ireland as "disgraceful." The *Observer* says that there has been "undisciplined and indiscriminate reprisals by the new police, sacking and counter-murdering at large."

They are punishing the innocent for the guilty, just as the Germans did in occupied territories during the war.

The *Times* speaks of "indiscriminate retaliation" and says that the new police have been "encouraged" in it.

The *Star* has published similar protests. Journalists (to adopt a figure suggested in this week's lecture by Mr. Teedale Mackintosh, who is doing good work in giving Shakespeare as an antidote to Dunsany) are more often Catholics than Protestants; but we have found sufficient in the papers from Home to encourage us to believe that morals are no longer wholly decided on Party lines.

Caliban, says Coleridge, has the drawings of understanding without reason or the moral sense. "What a beast he is." See first leader.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

It is understood that the wreck of the "Autenburg" has been repurchased by a Dutch Syndicate from the purchaser at the auction, and will, if it is possible, be salvaged shortly.

The battleship "Malaya" has been in the floating dock at Portsmouth, undergoing an overhaul before coming to India and the Malay States this month. The "Malaya" still bears traces of her share in the great Battle of Jutland.

In announcing that the General Dyer Fund now amounts to over £21,000, the *Post* points out that another indication of the widespread interest in the cause of General Dyer is the amount of £24,88.4d. contributed by Europeans of the Kedah district, Malay States.

At the Legislative Council meeting in Singapore the Hon. Mr. W. F. Nutt drew attention to the fact that in planning vast schemes of expenditure on Singapore buildings the point should be borne in mind that it is the F.M.S. which will eventually be the centre of interest in Malaya.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., launched on Sept. 30, from their Govan shipyard, Glasgow, the new twin-screw vessel "Glenary," built to the order of the Glen Line, Ltd. The vessel, which is 502 ft. in length, and has a gross tonnage of about 9,500, will be employed in the Eastern trade.

Considerable stir was caused in Penang Chinese business circles on Nov. 5 by the news that the well-known manager of a large firm of traders in Beach Street, Mr. Ng Tek Chee, had committed suicide. He left his shop giving a letter to the clerk for his wife purporting to say he had been losing heavily in speculation. The body was recovered from the harbour.

According to the *Jiji*, foreign competition is already making itself felt in the markets in the Far East and in the South Sea Islands. Japanese industry is not afraid of legitimate competition, continues the paper; what Japan fears is dumping. If foreign goods were dumped on the Oriental markets, Japan fears she would be compelled to close her small-scale industries.

We read in a London paper—Visitors to the Zoo will miss seeing a rare bird of paradise, which escaped from a collection of Malayan birds when the vessel bringing it home was at Singapore. It was a diving bird of a rare species, with yellow feathers on its head, red ones on its breast and two black ones making up the tail. It was valued at about \$50. It either forced its cage open or was stolen.

The hazy idea of the precise whereabouts of the F.M.S. possessed by most Home people is well-known, but the London firm who addressed a post card to "Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States, Kuala Lumpur, S. Nigeria," deserve the palm. It is to the credit of the Postal authorities that the card was delivered without a day's delay. The senders also asked for a remittance in Nigerian stamps, adds the *Malay Mail*.

When one of the Canadian steamers reached the Liverpool wharf recently a saloon passenger created some stir by refusing to produce his passport. He did so as a protest against the continuance in peace-time of passports for British subjects passing from one part to another within the Empire. The Liverpool passport officers, however, were adamant, and declared that the ship would not be held up until the passport was produced. But on learning that the objector was an English M.P., the officials were mollified and further trouble was avoided.

Mr. Oscar Asche's new spectacle, *Mecca*, the London first night of which has been deferred owing to the continuance of Chu Chin Chow at His Majesty's Theatre, was produced at the Century Theatre, New York, recently. Beauty of colour in an extraordinary number of Oriental scenes was a striking feature. Amid pillars reminding one of pictures of reconstructed Thebes or Karnak, the youths and maidens danced until they swooned. Great applause followed this and other tableaux, but the audience waited in vain for any superlative dramatic thrill.

Apparently the Japanese Admiralty has committed itself to the building of a fleet of very big submarines, or submersible cruisers, for service in the Pacific, where such craft will have ample room for manoeuvring. It is understood that these projected monster under-water ships will have a displacement of anything up to 3,000 tons, a cruising radius of at least 20,000 miles, a speed of 13-19 knots, and an armament sufficiently heavy to try conclusions with the average light cruiser—two 6-inch guns in addition to the usual torpedo equipment of half-a-dozen tubes. Each boat will be manned by 100 officers and men. A despatch from Japan states that the old battleship, which did good service in her day, is to be fitted out as a depot ship for the new fleet of submarines.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHIP SINKS.

ENTIRE CARGO LOST.

SALVAGE IMPOSSIBLE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 17.

The "Hsin Tai," the latest addition to the China Merchants' fleet and among their finest vessels, which grounded near Chefoo on the night of November 7 has foundered, and sunk. The passengers and crew were transferred to the "Hsin Fung" and landed on Sunday. Salvage is out of the question. The entire cargo was lost.

SERIOUS FIRE.

THREE FIREMEN INJURED.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES FROM DEATH.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, November 14.

A serious fire broke out in a native dwelling containing cotton. A gable and wall fell on the cotton which collapsed. Several firemen were buried in the debris but were later rescued. One foreign and two Chinese firemen were seriously injured and were removed to hospital. Six natives were slightly injured. It was a miracle that there were no deaths. Several foreigners had narrow escapes.

NOTORIOUS GERMAN.

ARRESTED IN SHANGHAI.

EVADING ENEMY REGISTRATION.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 17.

Sincker, a German who was a notorious figure during the war has been arrested and handed over to the Chinese Authorities for evading enemy registration.

M. CLEMENCEAU.

F. M. S. TOUR ABANDONED.

DEPARTURE FOR RANGOON TODAY.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Nov. 17.

Owing to the shipping arrangements M. Clemenceau has been compelled to abandon his tour of the Federated Malay States. He leaves for Rangoon to-morrow. M. Clemenceau attended the laying of the foundation stone of the Singapore war memorial by the Governor.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to the *Tokyo Asahi*, the amalgamation of all Japanese Seamen's Associations has been consummated, making a total membership of 100,000. The journal forecasts that one result of the amalgamation will be unification of wages, which, it anticipates, will entail serious consequences for the smaller shipping companies.

Three strange passengers landed at Southampton from the Red Star liner "Lapland," which has arrived there from New York. One was Ann Bevan, whose home is at Deptford, the winner of the recent competition at Madison-square Gardens for the ugliest woman in the world. The others were Les Goudins, the tiniest husband and wife in the world. The man is 37 inches high, and is 43 years old, and his wife stands three inches taller. They are Brazilians, but speak fluent English.

The wreck of the Dutch Steamer "Arakan" close to the entrance to San Francisco Bay has awakened the shipping men of the Californian port to the fact that the salvage material on their coast is so poor that heavy losses are likely to result. London underwriters will welcome the decision of the San Francisco interests concerned to fit out a salvage vessel in as up-to-date a manner as can possibly be managed, and to keep her ready for instant service. The initial and upkeep costs will be shared by the various shippers, shipowners and underwriters who might be expected to benefit.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., launched on Sept. 30 from their Govan shipyard, Glasgow, the new twin-screw vessel "Glenary," built by them to the order of the Glen Line. The new vessel is about 502 feet in length over all by 62 feet beam, and the gross tonnage is about 9,500. She will be employed in the Eastern trade, and have some passenger accommodation. The arrangements for working the ship and cargo are devised to give the utmost efficiency. The steering gear, winches and windlass are all electrically driven. Electric light is installed throughout the entire vessel, which has also a wireless telegraph equipment. The vessel will be two sets of Lloyd's. There will be two sets of engines, constructed by the builders at their Glasgow engine works. All the auxiliaries in the engine-room are electrically driven.

ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

ANNUAL BALL.

ARRANGEMENTS DISCUSSED.

A meeting of the members of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders to consider the date of and to make arrangements for the annual ball, was held in the reading room of the Institute's headquarters yesterday evening.

Mr. W. Budge, who presided, was supported by the committee and Mr. P. Farrell (Hon. Sec.). In spite of the rain, there was a good number of members present.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the date of and making necessary arrangements for our annual ball. All the principal details have already been prepared by the Committees appointed, and it only remains for you to confirm or amend them as may be thought fit.

The Chairman then read the names of the Committees as follows:—Invitation—Messrs. K. E. Greig (Convener), R. M. Dyer, J. Reid, J. W. Graham, Robert Hunter, J. McCubbin, W. Russell and W. Budge (Hon. Sec.).

Wine—Messrs. T. G. Patterson (Convener), G. Harman, L. J. Blackburn, A. M. Simpson, T. G. Stokes, Senr., T. Brayfield, R. Hall, W. R. Oswald, and R. V. Cameron.

Supper—Messrs. G. Harman (Convener), D. Templeton, J. Dalziel, T. Petrie, J. W. Paton, A. Wilkinson, J. Parsons, T. W. Robertson, C. W. Brown, M. M. Murray, G. M. Shaw, D. McMurray, G. W. C. Burnett, J. B. Chapman, S. Baker, A. Davidson, and Dixon.

Decoration—Messrs. W. Davidson (Convener), G. H. Bannerman, S. Gray, J. M. Ramsey, Madden, Nash, Langston, and V. F. Ferguson.

Dance—Messrs. R. J. Wilton (Convener), C. C. Nelson, J. Parkes, G. Grot, W. Brown, D. McLaren, A. Stalker, Farthing, Day, Stokes, Junr., J. B. Hamilton, and Downthorne.

Card—Messrs. J. Ormiston (Convener), J. McCormack, F. Dubois, D. Neilson, P. W. Ramsey, T. Wright, J. B. Spiers, and Madden.

Cloak Room—Messrs. B. L. Frost (Convener), D. B. Bone, T. B. Morrison, D. L. Lyle, and W. Weir.

Mr. Frost proposed that the appointments be confirmed by the meeting.

Mr. Wilton seconded.

Put to the meeting, the motion was carried unanimously.

The Chairman then read a letter from Mr. Denham Fuller stating that owing to the advanced bookings of theatrical companies, the City Hall will be vacant on January 7 and 21 only.

It was decided, after some discussion, that January 7 would be unsuitable as it would clash with the Dock Co.'s ball which has been fixed for January 6, and there would be no time to arrange decorations, etc.

A member said that from what he could gather from letters from absent members, it was doubtful if it would be preferable to hold the ball in January. February would suit many better.

In any case, he would propose that the date of the ball be not fixed definitely until they had received the opinion of the absent members.

The Chairman enquired how long they would have to wait, and was told that a cable might reach Hongkong at any time now.

Mr. Frost proposed that in view of the difficulty of not being able to secure the City Hall at any time, the meeting fix the ball for January 21.

Mr. Neilson seconded.

The motion was carried nem. con.

The Chairman then read a tender from Mr. Taggart of the Hongkong Hotel submitting terms for catering for the supper.

The terms were thought to be favourable. On the proposal of Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Ormiston, it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. Taggart's tender.

A letter was read from the Bandmaster of the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment offering the full orchestra for \$200 and half orchestra for \$120.

Mr. Frost proposed the full orchestra.

Mr. Wilton seconded.

Put to the meeting, this motion was carried unanimously.

The question of the dance programme was then brought up, and a member suggested that they must have at least one real dance on each half of the programme.

After some discussion, it was decided to leave the matter to the Dance Committee.

With regard to subscription circulars, Mr. Frost pointed out that last year there was a deficit of \$400 after paying all expenses, and the Institute had to make good the deficit. He did not think this was fair. (Applause.)

The ball should be made, to pay in own way, he said, and with this in view, he would propose that this year the subscription for members be \$10 and for visitors \$7.50.

The Chairman: Of course, these fees include, as last year, the lady members of the member or visitor's family.

Mr. Wilton seconded Mr. Frost's motion, and it was carried nem. con.

With regard to the question of Official Guests raised by the Chairman,

SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. R.G.A.

The above teams will meet on the Sookumpoo Valley ground on Saturday afternoon, starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

The following will represent the Indians—A. H. Rumjahn, G. C. Earde, S. H. Imail, S. K. Bakah, A. A. Rumjahn, K. Khan, S. D. Imail, D. Weerapuli, S. A. Imail, S. R. Curram and A. N. Other.

BILLIARDS.

PALACE HOTEL TOURNAMENT.

Last night's match in the Palace Hotel Handicap Billiards tournament, resulted in Mr. A. Tse (scr.) defeating Mr. J. E. Clapham (125) by 250-30. Tse completed breaks of 18 and 17, while Clapham had 18 to his credit. To-night Mr. J. Snook (200) meets Mr. Ho Sai-man (scr.) at 8.30.

GARRISON TOURNAMENT.

Last week the following matches were played in the Garrison Inter-Mess Billiards League: Garrison Mess beat R.G.A. Mess (Kowloon) by 5 games to 1; R.G.A. Mess (Victoria) beat Royal Engineers' Mess 6-0; Petty Officers' Mess beat Warders' Mess 5-1; Wills' Sergeants' Mess beat Police Mess 4-2, and R.G.A. Mess (Stonecutters) beat R.G.A. Mess (Lyemum) 4-2.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Following is the league table showing the position up to Saturday last:—

Matches Games
P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

R. G. A.	Victoria	5	5	0	27	3	10
P. O's Mess		6	4	0	27	9	10
R. G. A. Stonecutters		4	4	0	13	6	8
Warders' Mess		5	3	1	13	21	7
Police Mess		6	2	1	3	19	17
Wills' Mess		5	2	1	2	17	13
Garrison Mess		6	2	2	2	18	6
R. E. Mess		6	1	4	1	13	23
R. G. A.	Lyemum	5	1	5	0	11	25
R. A. M. C.		5	0	4	1	4	26
R. G. A.	Kowloon	5	0	6	0	8	28

INTERPORT TENNIS.

PLAY POSSIBLE TO-DAY.

If the weather improves and the ground is in condition, the Interport Doubles match Ng Sze Kwong and W. Lock Wei (Hongkong) v. Carnavaro and Tanaka (Shanghai) will be played on the H.K.C.C. ground this afternoon. Otherwise the match will be played on a date to be fixed later.

The Singles match Ng Sze Kwong (Hongkong) v. Tanaka (Shanghai) will be given preference on Friday owing to Carnavaro's departure for Macao on that day.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

PLAY GAME AT PERTH.

Perth, (West Australia), Oct. 30th.—The M.C.C. team today, the result being a draw in favour of the visitors. The wicket was in perfect condition when the M.C.C. opened their innings with Hobbs and Russell, in the presence of 8,000 spectators. Russell did not stay long, but when Makepeace joined Hobbs, a delightful partnership ensued, both batsmen scoring freely all round the wicket. When 63 was made Hobbs, however, fell to a nice catch by Howard, and it was left to Makepeace to make the first century in the tour. Henderson contributed 60 by pretty cricket, but Fender, Rhodes, Douglas and Strudwick could only get four runs between them, Fender being out in the first ball to a smart piece of stumping by Borthwick off Nurse. With 276 runs on the board, Douglas applied the closure.

The West Australians batted feebly against the M.C.C. bowling. The only determined effort was made by Howard, who made an unfinished 33, played out time, and saved the situation. For the M.C.C. Howell took 1 wicket for 24 runs, Fender 3 for 32, and Parkin 3 for 22.

The scores:—
M.C.C.
Hobbs, c Howard, b Nurse..... 69
Russell, b Christian..... 9
Makepeace, c Christian b Nurse..... 117
Henderson, c Packham, b Christian 60
Fender, st Borthwick, b Nurse..... 0
Rhodes, lbw., b Nurse..... 0
Douglas, b Christian..... 4
Strudwick, b Nurse..... 0
Parkin, not out..... 19
Waddington, not out..... 1
Howell, did not bat..... 3

Extras..... 3

Total (for 8 wickets)..... 276

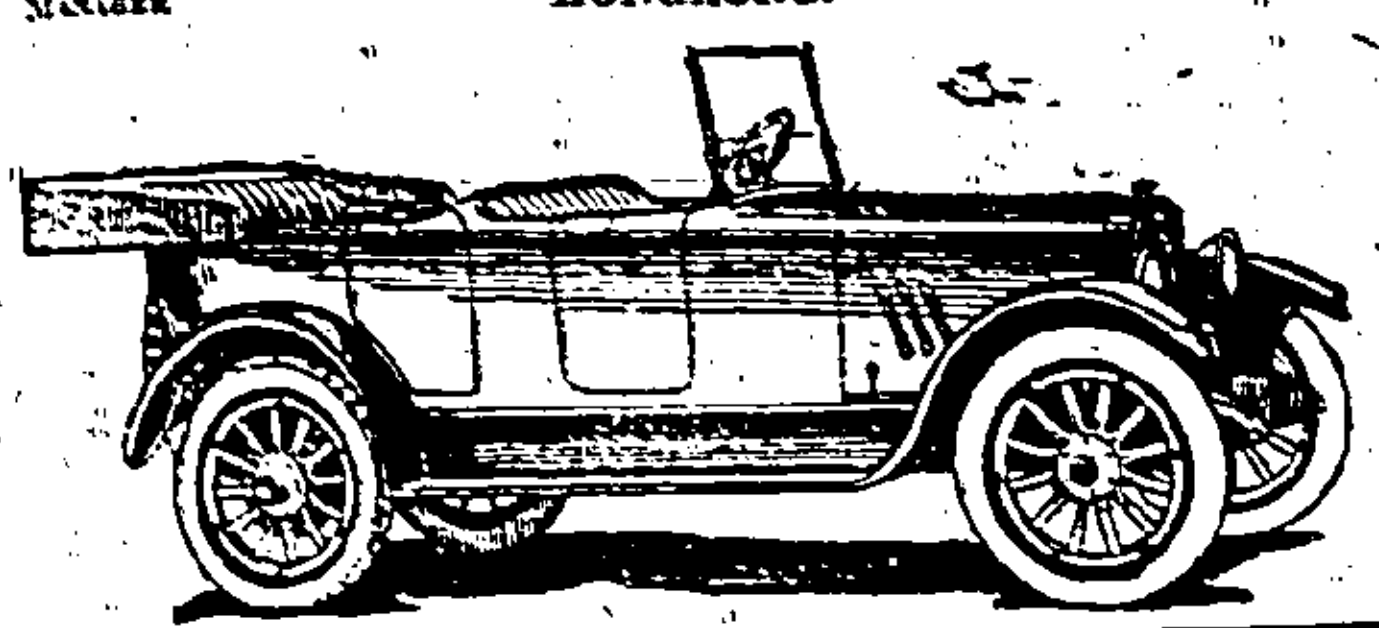
West Australia, total (for 7 wickets) 119.

The meeting decided to leave it to the Invitation Committee, on the motion of Mr. Frost, seconded by Mr. Bannerman.

Mr. McCubbin proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, and the meeting terminated.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S PROCEEDINGS.

UNOFFICIAL SPEECHES.

OUR STARVED SCHOOLS.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 2.30 this afternoon.

H. E. the Governor presided and there were present:

H. E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General F. Ventres.

The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

The Attorney General, Hon. Mr. J. E. Kemp, K. C.

The Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. D. W. Trautman.

The Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax.

The Director of Education, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION.

The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to authorise the appropriation of a sum of \$4,026,336.11 to defray the charges of the year 1919.

The Colonial Secretary said he proposed after the second reading to move that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was read.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was carried.

THE BUDGET.

The Colonial Secretary moved the second reading of the Bill intituled an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Fourteen million and eighty-four thousand six hundred and sixty-two Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1921.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was read.

The Colonial Secretary then moved that the Bill be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the Bill was carried.

REPORTS TABLED.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on October 28, and the quarterly return of excesses on sub-heads met by savings under heads of expenditure for the third quarter of 1920.

The following votes recommended by the Governor came before the Finance Committee and were approved:

\$7,640 in aid of the vote Education Department, Other Charges, Grants, Capital Grants.

\$735,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (17) Typhoon and Rain-storm Damages.

\$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (16) Roads, (6) Shaikwan, Widening existing road between North Point and Quarry Point.

\$1,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, (16) Dredging Forshores.

\$5,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Communications, (16) Roads, (6) Lugard Road Extensions.

\$107,344 in aid of the following votes:

Miscellaneous Services—Language Study Allowances, 1,670.00

Government Buildings—Electric Fans and Light, 2,940.00

Lifts Maintenance, 780.00

Framing and Binding, 54.00

Civil Service List, 30,000.00

Miscellaneous Papers, Ordinances, Regulations and Reports, 4,500.00

Stationery, 11,000.00

Transport of Government Servants, 54,000.00

Charitable Services, 2,400.00

Total, \$107,344.00

QUESTIONS BY MR. POLLOCK.

QUESTION.

(1) In view of the fact that the Government have been able in 1920 to issue financial returns monthly, instead of at times with more than one month's receipts, and payments grouped together, will they give the usual total receipts for January,

February and March, 1919, also those of December, 1919, which have not been published, in order that some comparison can be obtained with the 1920 figures?

ANSWER.—January, 1919: Revenue, \$1,809,259.60; Expenditure, \$856,879.90. February, 1919: Revenue, \$1,252,836.70; Expenditure, \$733,971.53. March, 1919: Revenue, \$1,208,147.23; Expenditure, \$1,266,103.29.

The figures for the three months were published together owing to the irregularity of the mails which brought the Crown Agents' accounts for the three months within a very short time of one another.

For December, 1919, the figures are:—Revenue, \$1,342,955.64; Expenditure, \$4,551,816.55.

QUESTION.

(2) As the publication of the monthly cash account some three to four months later, detracts considerably from its value, and in view of the fact that the Imperial Government is able to issue its statement within a month after date, cannot some improvement be instituted possibly by standardising the items and obtaining Crown Agents London figures by telegraph for incorporation) whereby the publication can be made within the month following?

ANSWER.—It is unfortunately impossible to publish accurate accounts until the Crown Agents' monthly figures are received and for them to telegraph the exact figures of £ s. d. under each head would involve expense out of all proportion to the benefit secured.

The prolonged delays which have occasionally occurred in the past have been due to the irregularity of the mail service. It is hoped that when a normal service is restored the delay in publication will be materially reduced.

QUESTION.

(3) Whereas the monthly financial return merely gives the receipts and payments in one item respectively, which is the minimum of information which can be produced, and as the Government doubtless keep its accounts in the form of the "financial returns for the year," cannot a monthly account be published to enable the officials and public to follow the returns intelligently on such lines as follows, e.g.:

Items of receipts and payments under their separate standardised heads in columns reading:

1. Estimated Receipts 1920.

2. Receipts to date.

3. Receipts to same date previous year.

4. Receipts for same month previous year.

5. Receipts for current month, with similar information on the other side respecting payments closing with the balances brought forward and carried forward to complete the account?

ANSWER.—Something of the kind shall be done. The exact form of the return will need a little consideration.

QUESTION.

(4) With regard to public moneys authorized to be lent at a low rate of interest in order to further the building of additional housing accommodation, will the Government cause a statement to be published annually in the Blue Book, giving particulars of the amount advanced by the Government, interest charged, accommodation to be provided, approximate rentals and security given for due fulfillment of contract and also terms of repayment and the names of the borrowers?

ANSWER.—The Hon. Member's suggestion has been carefully considered but the Government has come to the conclusion that it would be undesirable to publish such a statement. Of course, any Hon. Member who desires information on these points for his personal use will be supplied with it.

QUESTION.

(5) Having regard to the fact that owner occupiers are undoubtedly a

great asset in any community, will the Government set aside a sum of 300,000 dollars out of Revenue for the purpose of making advances at a low rate of interest to persons who are desirous of building inexpensive houses for their own occupation?

ANSWER.—It was found, in connection with the loans which were recently made, that the chief obstacle to the building of small detached houses was the lack of suitable sites convenient of access.

The only enquirer who was willing to go far afield has been granted a loan for the purpose of building a residence at Fanling, but for the most part applicants, expected that land would be found for them at a nominal rate in the most central districts.

The Government has under consideration various schemes of development, which include the provision of inexpensive land and houses on the outskirts of Kowloon. In the meantime it is considered inadvisable to increase the already large sum locked up in advances for house building.

QUESTION.

(6) Having regard to the popularity of the bathing beaches at North Point and Kennedy Town and to the fact that those areas are in danger of being required for various purposes in the near future, will the Government, before selling these public and accessible bathing grounds, arrange for the cheap transportation of intending bathers to the North Shore of Stonecutters' Island or some other convenient place for bathing?

ANSWER.—While the Government will regret the loss of these bathing facilities with regret it is not possible to allow them to stand in the way of commercial development, so that it must be anticipated that the bathing places to which the Hon. Member refers will cease to be available at no very distant date. It is considered that the provision of transport to other bathing places is one which can be dealt with adequately by private enterprise and should therefore be left to it.

QUESTION.

(7) If the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British Section) is in time to be linked up with the trunk lines of China and when such takes place, questions of rates and allowances are likely to be complicated ones based on both cost of construction, maintenance and running costs, and whereas all the railways in China are and have been for sometime worked under a very efficient and standardised form of accounts, will the Government take immediate steps to place the Colony's railway accounts on a similar basis so that our officials may be in a position to discuss questions of rates on a common basis?

ANSWER.—The system of accounting employed does not, as far as this Government is aware, differ materially from the system employed in China. But the Government will be glad to consider any suggestions for the alteration of its system which the Hon. Member may care to put forward.

QUESTION.

(8) Is the Colony's interest on investments in British War Loan and Colonial Government Stocks received free of Income Tax. If not, why not?

ANSWER.—The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.

MR. POLLOCK'S SPEECH.

Mr. Pollock said:—Sir, As the Senior Unofficial Member on this Council, the duty devolves upon me of offering some general observations on their behalf on the Budget for 1921.

I shall also, at the end of such observations, add a few remarks of my own, and my colleagues will doubtless desire also to express their own views on some of the items comprised in the Estimates.

In the first place, we regret to find that, in two details, the present Draft Estimates are deficient, as compared with those for 1920, namely, first, in the absence of an Index of subject-matter at the end, and secondly in the leaving of blanks in regard to the higher officers in the Chinese Secretariat on page 17 and in other Departments.

We hope that the above defects will be remedied in the draft Estimates for 1922.

I will now proceed, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, to deal with the Budget, keeping, so far as possible, for purposes of convenience, to the order in which Your Excellency dealt with them.

As regards the loss on rice, we have hitherto received a preliminary report only, and we are strongly of opinion that a Final Report ought to have been laid on the table of this Council for information long ere this. We trust that this omission will be remedied as soon as possible. We also trust that this expensive experience will, in future be borne in mind and we would ask that under similar circumstances in the future, expert advice and assistance will be employed by the Government from beginning to end.

THE P.W.D. With regard to the fact that over one million dollars short of the estimates for 1920 were spent on Public Works Extraordinary, we are disposed to attribute a part of that shortage to inadequacy in numbers in the Public Works Staff. We would also earnestly press upon Your Excellency's notice the absolute necessity for the promptest dealing with applications and plans, which are

sent in to the Public Works Department, in regard to new buildings or alterations to buildings, seeing that delay in such matters not only retards development and progress but entails the tying up of capital.

As regards the proposed increase of Stamp Duties, we trust that ample notice of the details of the proposed measures will be given to the public before it is attempted to pass such measures into law, and that any projected increase of Court fees and fees for registration of Deeds and China Companies Fees will be referred to the Law Society for its views.

The Honourable Mr. Parr, with whose remarks we are in accord, will address the Council on the subject of the proposed increases in the Fees for use of Government Buoys and for the Medical Examination of Emigrants.

As regards Hawker's licences, and the proposal to charge for excess water in the Rider Mats districts the Senior Chinese Member has some observations to make with which we are in agreement.

As regards the proposed Kowloon East Ferry Service and the proposed Motor Bus Service at Kowloon, it is hoped that the necessary strengthening of the roads will be speedily put in hand, so that such improved means of communication may be started as early as possible.

With regard to the anticipated increase of traffic on the Kowloon Canton Railway, it is our earnest hope that the Canton Authorities will, during the coming year, maintain a strong Civil Government, and that the recent lawless epidemic of militancy and violence will very soon wholly disappear, and that the various armed forces will be disbanded throughout Kwantung and Kwangsi. We would also, yet once again, urge the paramount necessity for the speedy completion of the Canton-Kowloon Railway and also for the linking up of the Kowloon Canton Railway with that Railway.

As regards the Cadet Service, we have not sufficient materials before us to judge whether the proposed scheme of payment of Cadets by Seniority instead of by Posts is desirable or not; and we should like to know what is the nature of the two strict efficiency bars which are referred to in Your Excellency's speech.

POLICE AND PRISONS.

Whilst welcoming the increase in the personnel of the Police Force, we regret that there has not been a greater increase in the European section, and we are not satisfied that the proposed number of Europeans in the Police Force is sufficient for the growing needs of the Colony and for the adequate protection of its inhabitants from the criminal classes. We consider also that stricter supervision of the Chinese Detective Staff is desirable.

As regards the Prisons Department, we are doubtful whether the proposed increases in the Gaol Staff are sufficient. The slight increases appearing in the estimates seem inadequate to cope both with the Gaol proper and with the recently opened establishment at Laichikok, more especially as we gather that the chain-gang is to be revived. The establishment of a separate Head for the prisons Department was one of the recommendations of the Gaol Committee and we are quite in favour of it, and we would suggest, as a corollary, that the estimates of the Police and Prison Departments ought to be kept separately from one another in the future.

With regard to the new Gaol at Ngau Shi Wan (Item 73 on page 86) we hope that the most ample room for expansion will be provided, as we consider that the ideal to aim at is to have that Gaol as the sole Gaol in the Colony, thereby concentrating the Prison and its Staff in one spot and saving expense, and also releasing the Central and valuable site of the present Gaol for other purposes.

As regards the deficiencies in the European Education Staff, the unofficial Members trust that such deficiencies, which are retarding the teaching in our schools will soon be remedied. We also consider that there are not enough schools in the Colony for the teaching of English.

VERNACULAR EDUCATION.

With reference to the items on page 73, Subsidies to schools in New Territories and Subsidies to Elementary Vernacular Schools in Hongkong, \$7,200 and \$10,000 respectively we would make the following remarks:

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

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Hongkong, November 18, 1920.

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Hongkong, November 18, 1920.

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"TAKADA"	7,000	20th Nov. at Noon.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.

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20—S. S. K. Soha Maru.
21—S. S. K. Amakusa Maru.
22—D. L. Hailong.
23—C. N. Luchow.
24—D. L. Hailong.

AMOI.
Nov. 18—J. C. J. L. Hailong.
19—D. L. Hailong.
20—S. S. K. Soha Maru.
21—S. S. K. Amakusa Maru.
22—D. L. Hailong.
23—C. N. Luchow.
24—D. L. Hailong.

FOOCHOW.
Nov. 18—D. L. Hailong.
19—D. L. Hailong.
20—D. L. Hailong.

SHANGHAI.
Nov. 18—J. C. J. L. Tiki.
19—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.
20—C. N. Luchow.
21—S. S. K. Soha Maru.
22—S. S. K. Amakusa Maru.
23—C. N. Luchow.
24—D. L. Hailong.
25—C. N. Luchow.
26—D. L. Hailong.
27—S. S. K. Soha Maru.
28—S. S. K. Amakusa Maru.
29—C. N. Luchow.
30—D. L. Hailong.

WEIHAIWEI AND CHEFOO.

Nov. 20—C. N. Kueichow.

TIENSIN.

Nov. 20—C. N. Kueichow.

TAKU AND DALNY.

Nov. 22—B. F. Demodocus.

TSINGTAO.

Nov. 20—C. N. Tean.

PUKOW.

Nov. 23—C. N. Shantung.

TAKAO.

Nov. 20—O. S. K. Soha Maru.

KEELUNG.

Nov. 21—O. S. K. Amakusa Maru.

HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Nov. 24—O. S. K. Soha Maru.
24—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.

SAIGON.

Nov. 27—M. M. Co-dillere.
Dec. 1—O. S. K. Unnan Maru.

BANGKOK.

Nov. 23—C. N. Luchow.
Dec. 1—J. S. K. Unnan Maru.

SINGAPORE.

Dec. 1—O. S. K. Unnan Maru.

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Nov. 20—B. I. A. Takeda.
21—N. Y. K. Bombay Maru.
22—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.
23—B. I. A. Japan.
24—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.
25—N. Y. K. Taketoyo Maru.
26—B. I. A. Takeda.

BOMBAY AND COLOMBO.

Nov. 17—P. & O. Dilwara.
21—O. S. K. Siam Maru.
28—N. Y. K. Tenshin Maru.
Dec. 12—P. & O. Damera.

JAVA PORTS, ETC.

Nov. 20—D. L. Gilmont.
21—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.
22—D. L. Lake Owawa.
Dec. 3—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.
5—C. A. Victoria.
12—N. Y. K. (D. & Co.) Hokuto M.

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MANILA.
Nov. 19—J. C. J. L. Kwong-sang.

LOILO.

Nov. 21—C. N. Yunnam.

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SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Nov. 24—N. Y. K. Aki Maru.
Dec. 1—S. S. K. Soha Maru.
13—A. U. Victoria.
22—S. S. K. Amakusa Maru.
23—N. Y. K. Soha Maru.
24—N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.
Jan. 17—S. S. K. Soha Maru.

JAPAN PORTS.

Nov. 18—P. & O. Devanah.
19—S. S. K. Soha Maru.
20—S. S. K. Amakusa Maru.
21—N. Y. K. Soha Maru.
22—N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.
23—N. Y. K. Soha Maru.
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30—N. Y. K. Amakusa Maru.

AMERICAN PORTS.

Nov. 25—O. S. K. Africa Maru.
Dec. 1—W. L. West Jappa.
11—O. S. K. Alabama Maru.
16—C. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.
31—C. P. O. S. Empress of Asia.
Jan. 15—C. P. O. S. Empress of Japan.
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VANCOUVER.

Nov. 25—O. S. K. Africa Maru.
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VICTORIA.

Nov. 25—N. Y. K. Toyohashi Maru.
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SEATTLE.

Nov. 20—B. F. Ixion.
26—N. Y. K. Toyohashi Maru.
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Goods not cleared by the 21st November, 1920, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th November 1920, at 10 A.M. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the underwriter in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
General Agents.
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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

(Continued from page 5.)

For years, Vernacular Education, the want of which has been keenly felt by the working Chinese, who cannot afford to engage private teachers for their children has received meagre attention and help from the Government, although it forms an important factor in British propaganda work and is the stepping stone to English education, so far as the Chinese population of this Colony is concerned. Without a fairly good grounding in their own language, the value and benefit of English education to Chinese youths cannot be so fully realized as they should be. At present the system of vernacular education existing in this Colony is supported by the charitable disposed Chinese, who, beyond a small subsidy of a small grant under the Grant-in-aid Code, receive scarcely any encouragement or help from the Government. The schools which they are maintaining afford shelter for two or three thousand children of the working class, who, had it not been for such schools, would be thrown on the streets to swell the number of juvenile offenders. The present system has no permanency and those who are running the schools may retire from the field, at any time, for want of support and encouragement. My Chinese colleagues suggest that the Subsidies and grants should be increased and free scholarships given, so as to enable the best pupils to pass on to the Government District schools for a course of English education. When things were cheap and rents low, a grant of 3 or 5 Dollars per head might be adequate, but now that everything has gone up in price, the old rates ranging from 9 to 12 Dollars ought, it is suggested, to be restored.

HOSPITALS.

With regard to the item on page 73 of Building Grants 180,000, we should like to be informed how such sum is to be apportioned between the different schools.

We are glad to hear that, at last a Maternity Wing is to be built on to Victoria Hospital, and also that a Hospital is to be built at Kowloon, and a Hospital for Europeans, to relieve the pressure on the Government Civil Hospital, on this side of the Harbour. We approve of the proposal to have Wards in the latter hospital in which private practitioners can see their own patients, and we hope that private practitioners will be given leave to treat their own patients in the Kowloon Hospital.

As regards the reconstruction of Queen's Statue Wharf, we would urge upon the Government the necessity for the new wharf containing much greater accommodation for launches than the present one and also that it should be constructed in a manner worthy of its surroundings.

As regards items 78 and 84, (on page 86) we should like to know whether the Government foresaw the necessity for this work (which involves the expenditure of over One lac of Dollars) at the time when the land was sold for reclamation at Laichikok, and, if this contingent expenditure was foreseen in settling the upset price for such land. We think that it ought to have been foreseen. As regards item 84, we should also like to know whether the sum of 60,000 Dollars for the construction of the water-boat dock at Laichikok will complete that work.

HOUSING MEASURES.

Whilst warmly commending the Government (and especially the Acting Colonial Secretary) for the steps which have been taken for the provision of additional housing accommodation at the Peak, the Middle Levels, and Kowloon, we have the following criticisms and remarks to make, numbered 1 to 7 respectively—

1. We trust that the Government will strictly enforce the penalties for non-completion by due date of all houses and flats towards the erection of which the Government has advanced money.

2. We regret that it has not been found possible, in the distribution of the Million dollars in loans for building, to allocate some of the money to persons who are building for their own occupation, as we consider that owner occupiers are worthy of every encouragement by the Government, and we venture to express the hope that it may be found possible for the Government to shortly set apart (possibly out of the proceeds of sale of the old Post Office site) a sum of 3 lacs of dollars to assist persons to build houses of modest type and reasonable cost for their own occupation; provided that proper security is given.

3. With regard to building development in the neighbourhood of Wanchai Gap, we notice with astonishment that the Hill Tramway to Wanchai Gap, for the construction of which a sum of 150,000 Dollars was inserted in the estimates for 1920, does not figure at all in the estimates for 1921, and we are at a loss to understand the reason for the omission, as obviously a tram from the lower level to Wanchai Gap is an indispensable preliminary to the development of the Mount Cameron District, which cannot be effectively opened up by motor roads only. We presume that the Government has had a survey made of the route of such projected Tram and a rough estimate of the cost thereof, and we should be glad of information on these points.

In your Budget speech of last year (at page 90 of Hansard for 1919) Your Excellency referred to this subject as follows—

"It has become very desirable to open up new sites for residences in the Hill District. The only part of the District so far entirely undeveloped is Mount Cameron, and provision is made under item 17 for beginning the construction of a Tramway to Wanchai Gap, which will provide a rapid means of access both to Mount Cameron and to the hills between Wanchai and Magazine Gaps."

4. We are disappointed to find no reference in your Budget speech to any negotiations with the Military Authorities for the release of the Military lands on Nathan Road Kowloon. As has been pointed out more than once, sites on that road which are eminently suitable for residences are being occupied by stables for mules.

5. We hope that the Government will do everything in its power to expedite the speedy commencement and vigorous prosecution of the Praya East Reclamation.

6. We trust that the extension of the Ho Mun Tin Colony and the development of the area of land at Kowloon Tong on Garden City lines will be pressed forward by the Government.

7. We also trust that the Government will give its assistance to the Kai Tak Reclamation scheme by pressing on with the inauguration of the Kowloon East Ferry Service and the Motor Bus service to Kowloon City.

With regard to the question of whether there is a shortage of houses in the Colony, there are no houses, so far as we are aware, to let for European occupation in any part of the Colony south of Coronation Road, and it is a well known fact that the Hotels are so full that passengers arriving here by large steamers are frequently compelled to stay on board.

CITY EXPANSION.

As regards the City Expansion of the Colony, we are very glad to note, from indications in Your Excellency's speech, that the Military Lands

question has taken a decided step forward since the matter was debated in this Council on 29th January last, and we earnestly trust that the Military Authorities will continue to heartily co-operate with the Government of this Colony in expediting the procuring for the trade of this Colony, by which we all live, a much needed area for expanding our Office and business accommodation.

In connection with Harbour Development, we are glad to extend a welcome to Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice and we hope that his investigations here may result in important developments of the shipping facilities of this Colony.

As regards commercial wireless, we would ask Your Excellency to appoint a small Committee which we would suggest should consist of the Colonial Secretary, an Unofficial Member of the Council, and the Commodore or an Officer deputed by him, for the purpose of discussing and reporting on the feasibility of utilising the Stonecutters Island Installation for commercial messages during certain portions of the 24 hours, whilst paying due regard to the necessities of His Majesty's Service.

As regards our finances generally, we would once again urge that it is not fair to the present Colonists that the entire cost of Public Works of a permanent character should be paid for out of current Revenue, and we would advocate that short Loans should be raised for such purposes.

So much, Sir, for the united views of my colleagues and myself, on the subject of the Budget.

AN EXPENSIVE ROAD.

In the first place, Sir, I venture to question the necessity for this road because all those who are living in the neighbourhood of Chamberlain Road can easily take the Tram down to the lower Tram Station and from there they are in touch with all the other parts of the Colony which are accessible by motor. One argument which I have heard against this contention of mine seems to be too patently for serious consideration, namely, that the motor-owners whether he goes East or West will have to spend 10 minutes in travelling through China Town.

Another argument which I have heard used is that it will be much pleasanter to travel from the Peak to Repulse Bay over the new projected road entirely on the high levels, instead of starting from below. This argument, though better than the last one, does not, in my opinion, justify the making of an expensive road, while we have in this Colony other urgent public matters requiring not merely the expenditure of Revenue but also the services of our more or less large Public Works Staff.

Secondly, Sir, I take the objection that this proposed road is not desirable.

First, on the ground that it will destroy one of our greatest assets at the Peak, namely, the absolute quiet which we enjoy at night.

It, as I understand to be the case, it is proposed to continue this road ultimately on through the Mount Kellett Gap down to Pokfulam Road, we are faced with the possibility of a fine procession of joy-riders at the Peak, at all hours of the day and night. And, even if you call a halt at Chamberlain Road, you cannot prevent anybody who can afford the hire of a car from going up to the Peak on a fine moonlight night as I presume that the Government does not intend to put up a turn-pike and to issue passes to Peak Residents only.

DANGER TO CHILDREN.

And now I come to my second ground of undesirability which I consider most important, and that is the question of safety of the children living at Magazine Gap and the Peak. The proposed route of the road lies through Magazine Gap itself and from thence along the Craigmin Road to Craigmin West, and subsequently it has to squeeze its way through the small gap between Chelondale and Balgownie, and then to run for some distance along the present road past the Peak Church, which road is the approach to Peak school for all children going to that school from any house to the East of that school. And the question which I wish to put is this: Why should we want only and unnecessarily introduce a new danger for children living at Magazine Gap and the Peak by building such a road.

I notice that I am now being invited for the construction of this proposed road, but I venture to hope that Your Excellency, before sanctioning the acceptance of any tender, will carefully seek for the correct answer to these two questions—

1. Is such a road really necessary for the purpose of giving to Peak

Residents access by motor to other parts of the Colony?

2. Is such a road desirable, having regard to the danger which it will bring to children at Magazine Gap and the Peak, and having regard to the fact that it will destroy the present priceless peace and quiet at the Peak?

MR. LAU CHU PAK'S SPEECH.
Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak said: On behalf of my Chinese colleague and myself I beg leave to offer a few observations on certain items in the estimates.

Hawkers' Licences.—In our opinion and that of most of those whom we represent, the reduction in the number of licences, which is intended to save the police trouble, will more likely have an opposite effect in as much as, in addition to looking out for unlicensed hawkers, they will have to devote more time and attention to watching the movement of the unemployed and the vagrants, whose ranks will be swelled by those who fail to obtain licences for hawking as an honest means of earning a living. The Chinese population of the Colony has, in recent years, grown enormously and will so long as political disturbances across the border periodically crop up, continue to grow, so that the number of licences for hawking needs to be increased instead of being reduced. From the Chinese point of view, it is more in accordance with righteousness to give a man a few dollars as capital for hawking so as to enable him to gain a decent livelihood than to leave him unemployed and drifting into the ranks of vagabonds. I think the objections to hawking would be minimized, if the licences be issued in each district and increased or reduced, as the case may be in proportion to the number of people residing therein. The licences may also be classified, so that, in the vicinity of markets, licences for selling only commodities other than market products will be issued. In view of the fact that the Chinese community considers it exceedingly hard on a poor but honest man to be punished for trying to gain a livelihood by honest means, not because he defies the law by refusing to pay for a licence, but because he is denied one, when he willingly offers to pay for it, we hope the Government will reconsider its decision from a more sympathetic point of view. At any rate, all those who are at present holding licences should be given new licences and an extra number should be given to new applicants in proportion to the increase in the population. As regards the two thousand licences which it is proposed to abolish, we should also like to know how it is to be done and whether steps will be taken to prevent possible abuses in connection with the issue.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water excess supply and Meter Rents.—Under this heading, it is proposed to charge for excessive use of water in the Rider-main Districts. It may not be out of place to recall what really led up to the introduction of the Rider-main system. The system was asked for as a concession from the Government by the Chinese residents and they paid the cost of its construction, which amounted to more than \$1,000,000. The conditions under which the Chinese live here, to-day, are the same as they were seventeen years ago when the system was introduced. Their houses are almost all let out by floors, and in many cases, a floor is sublet to several families. The ground floor occupied by shopkeepers and tradesmen uses more water than the tenants of the upper floors. Will a meter be fixed on each floor or a meter on the ground floor only, to serve for the whole house? If so, how will the charges be equitably apportioned amongst the different floors or the different families, as the case may be? And who is to be held liable for payment, when one floor becomes vacant? If the landlord is to be held liable for everything, how is he to recoup himself? Is he allowed simply to add what he likes on to the rent and is such addition, if counted as rent, again taxable? These reasons together with several others were seventeen years ago, laid before the Government by the Chinese community with the request that the rider-main be substituted for the meter system, and the Government granted the request on condition that they contributed to the cost of its construction.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor entertained the Officers of the 74th Punjab at dinner last evening at Government House. There were present: Captain E. H. Gray, Mrs. Gray, Captain W. T. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, and Captain H. E. Murray.

SCHOOL SPORTS POSTPONED.

Owing to the unsettled state of the weather, the sports of the Kowloon British School have been postponed until next week.

A Muskogee (Indian Territory) oil magnate has insured his three daughters against kidnapping for a sum of \$15,000 (\$2,280).

The Peninsular and Oriental liner "Delta" has been in a collision off the North Foreland and has been beached. All the passengers are safe.

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